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SUBJECT: GOB PRESENTS DRAFT AGREEMENTS ON NAVIGATION AND AIR SERVICES

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1. JULY 18 DCM WAS CALLED TO MFA AND PRESENTED WITH TWO NOTES TRANSMITTING A DRAFT US-BULGARIAN AGREEMENT ON COMMERCIAL NAVIGATION AND A DRAFT US-BULGARIAN AGREEMENT ON AIR SERVICES. BOTH NOTES WITH ENCLOSURES WERE ACCEPTED AND THEIR PROMPT TRANSMITTAL TO DEPARTMENT FOR ITS CONSIDERATION PROMISED. (MATERIAL BEING POUCHED AND SHOULD BE IN DEPT NEXT WEEK.)

2. NOTES WERE PRESENTED BY ASEN YANKOV OF EIGHTH DEPARTMENT, WHO SAID PRESENTATION OF DRAFTS IS CONTINUATION OF BULGARIA'S EFFORTS TO BROADEN RELATIONS WITH US. EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SUCH AGREEMENTS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER DEVELOPING TRADE AND COMMERCE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED AS DESIREABLE. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RESPONSES "WOULD NOT BE TOO DELAYED". DCM EXPLAINED THAT DRAFTS WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED IN DETAIL BY MANY DIFFERENT OFFICES IN WASHINGTON.

3. WE DO NOT HAVE COPIES OF SIMILAR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN US AND SOVIET AND OTHER EE COUNTRIES THUS CANNBE MAKE COMPARISON BUT SUSPECT DRAFTS FOLLOW THESE MODELS.

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4. ALTHOUGH POPOV VISIT WAS NOT MENTIONED, BELIEVE
PRESENTATION THESE DRAFTS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF THEIR
EAGERNESS TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR POPOV TO SIGN DURING
HIS US VISIT. US NOW HAS FOUR BULGARIAN AGREEMENT DRAFTS
IN ITS LAP (SEE REFTEL). WOULD APPRECIATE EVALUATION
OF TEXTS OF THESE AGREEMENTS, AND, OF COURSE, OFFICIAL
RESPONSE IN DUE COURSE. CLEAR BULGARS ARE LOADING US
DOWN WITH SUGGESTIONS AND THAT IT WILL BE CONTINUALLY
MORE DIFFICULT TO NOT BE RESPONSIVE TO AT LEAST ONE OR
TWO OF THE DRAFTS.
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